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FARM TO CONSUMER PLAN.

Senate Bill to Create Clearing House to Distribute Products.

Washington.—Senator Borah of Idaho introduced a bill to create a national clearing house for the grading and distribution of all the farm products of the country, the idea being to eliminate the middlemen and put the producers in immediate touch with the retail market.

The clearing house would be under the management of a board of fifteen directors chosen by agricultural subdivisions of the country for terms of five years. It would draw its strength from county associations consisting of not fewer than fifty farmers each.

The national association regulations would fix in detail provisions for packing, purifying, grading, shipping, selling and delivering farm products. The county associations would be made by



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SENATOR BORAH.

Individual contracts sole selling agents for the surplus products of the farms of their members.

Powers would be given to the board of directors to build, lease or purchase mills, ice factories, cold storage plants, printing presses, slaughter houses, telephone and telegraph lines, railroad and wagon roads, automobiles and airplanes. The association with the consent of the federal government would be authorized to issue bonds. It could also create capital stock out of its surplus earnings and could lend money to members of county associations.

SOLDIER IN LOVE, WANTS DISCHARGE

Fears He Will Be Too Far Away
From Girl He Adores.

Lafayette, La.—One year more to serve in the United States army and probably in the Philippines, Emile Martin, three years a soldier, is pleading to be released from further service in order that he may be near Miss Jeanne Olivier, formerly of this city.

Four years ago Emile Martin tucked his diploma from the University of Paris into his pocket and came to America. He was of French aristocracy, and the bottom of the family coffers had been scraped to provide Emile with an education.

Emile joined the United States army when he failed to find work. From regiment to regiment he was shifted, until one day he found himself in Texas City, one of the thousands of soldiers dreading waiting for something to happen in Mexico.

In Texas City he met Miss Olivier, who is of an old creole family of Louisiana. She and her family moved to Galveston, Tex. Now Emile learns he is to be sent to the Philippines.

He has been granted leave of absence and is now in Lafayette, the birthplace of his bride, appealing to influential citizens in and about this city to sign his petition to Congressman Broussard, who is asked to use his influence with the government in releasing him.

BRIDAL HAT 59 YEARS OLD.

Eler Wears It on Every Anniversary of His Wedding.

Jamesburg, N. J.—When he was married fifty-nine years ago Matthew Eler, now eighty, promised his bride he would wear the silk hat he wore then on every anniversary of the wedding. Mrs. Eler died sixteen years ago, Eler wore the hat the other day.

The hat is a little less shiny than it was when Eler was a bridegroom of twenty-one, and it is slightly out of fashion. But he has kept it carefully and, with the exception of the year of Mrs. Eler's funeral, has worn it but once each year.

Eler, who is one of the oldest pensioners on the relief fund of the Pennsylvania railroad, said that he hopes to wear the hat on many more anniversaries.

"I bought it from John S. Stewart of New Brunswick, who died at the age of eighty-four two months ago," he said. "I remember the day well."

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

A new strawberry cannery is being built at Hood River and it is expected the plant will be in operation in time for the care of this year's crop.

Work of remodeling the statehouse at Salem is progressing rapidly and it will be completed this summer, it is expected.

Halibut fishing at Newport promises to be a thriving industry this year. A number of Portland men are interested in boats which will be used.

Bandon is the scene of some activity on account of gold being found in paying quantities in black sands. Work is returning \$3 to \$30 a ton.

With the stock show but little more than a month ahead, Union is making preparations to hold the annual event on a vast scale.

Bumper crop of strawberries is predicted for the Marion county section, the growers seeing no dangers ahead aside from possibility of frosts. Rains have not hurt blossoms.

What is said to be a new kind of oyster has been discovered in the reefs off Newport. The bivalve is larger than transplanted eastern variety and resembles the Japanese product.

In event the president issues a call for militia, the Oregon militia will concentrate and organize for field service at Clackamas, under plans arranged by the militia division of the war department.

The damage to the prune crop in a radius of 15 miles from Salem is said to be about \$300,000 as result of recent heavy rains. If the cold weather continues the loss will be heavier, says Robert Paulus, secretary of the Salem fruit union.

Representative Hawley has received by parcel post squared pieces of manzanita of beautiful color from Ashland. The committee on agriculture plans giving the speaker a gavel made of wood from the various states represented by its members. Hawley was asked to procure the manzanita.

In his initiative petition, which was filed with the secretary of state April 24, William A. Carter, republican candidate for governor, estimates that a saving of over \$500,000 annually will be saved the taxpayers of the state by the abolition of certain boards and commissions and the consolidation of others provided for in the petition.

Whether the prohibition party will put up a candidate of its own for governor or will endorse one of the candidates of the other parties already in the field will be the most important step to be decided at the state convention of the prohibition party to be held in Portland May 5 and 6.

Greek drama in the original Greek tongue for the first time in the Pacific northwest will be played in Portland May 13 and 14 by the students and faculty of Reed college. The Antigone of Sophocles to the accompaniment of the special music written by Mendelssohn is the drama selected for production.

If a plan approved by the local school board and the local dental association is carried out Pendleton will next year install a free dental clinic in her public schools for children who cannot afford to consult the dentist. The board will equip an office, and the local dentists will donate their services free of charge on certain days.

Thousands of voters of Oregon are debating the question of the effect that woman suffrage in this state will have upon the prohibition election next fall. Many take the view that the women will vote upon this proposition as their husbands and brothers do. Others argue that the women will in many instances take upon themselves the responsibility of voting as they think best.

President Wilson has been asked to sanction the organization in Portland of a regiment of prospectors and miners to take the field in Mexico. This regiment would be composed of men who are accustomed to the outdoor life, and their ability to give good account of themselves, either in field or mountain, under any and all circumstances, is their chief claim for recognition.

Representative Sinnott has introduced a bill conveying to Klamath Falls all the unsurveyed lands on Lake Ewauna for a public park. He has also submitted to the committee on public lands an amendment to the coal land leasing bill, providing that lessees pay all the state and county taxes on leaseholds. This, he thinks, will tend to remove the objections to the policy of reserving such lands in public ownership.

The secretary of the treasury informs Senator Chamberlain that information gathered from the departments requiring room in the federal building at Astoria indicates that a three story building having 9000 feet of ground area will be necessary. The cost of such a building, to be brick faced and fire proof throughout, will be \$250,000. Senator Chamberlain will introduce a bill providing for the erection of such a building on the present site.

WHAT SAVED HER LIFE

Mrs. Martin Tells About a Painful Experience that Might Have Ended Seriously.

Riversville, W. Va.—Mrs. Dora Martin, in a letter from Riversville, writes: "For three years, I suffered with womanly troubles, and had pains in my back and side. I was nervous and could not sleep at night.

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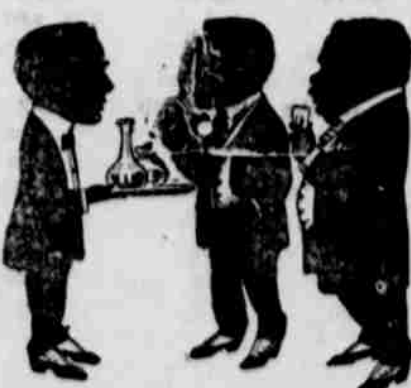
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